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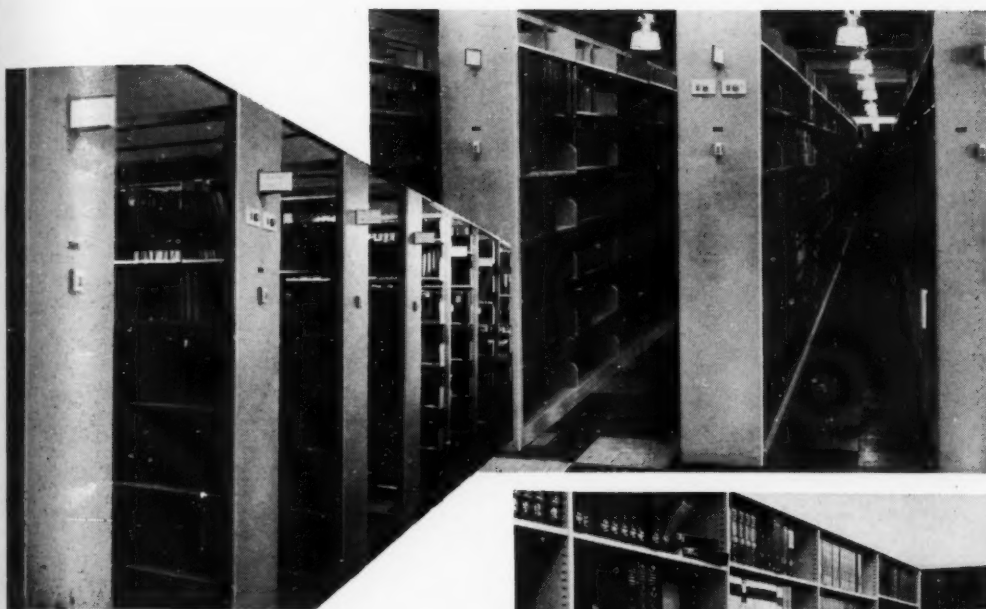
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The President's Page

By

JANE ELLEN CARSTENS



Jane Ellen Carstens

After a very full summer, which began with attendance at ALA in Washington and concluded with teaching in the summer session in the Library School at the University of Minnesota, I am ready to devote my wholehearted attention to the business of this association.

I am very happy to announce that Dr. Shirley Stephenson will be Executive Director of National Library Week in Louisiana this year. It will be celebrated April

3-9. Dr. Stephenson will contact some of you for assistance in this program, and I would like to urge each of you to work towards making this important week a success.

We are fortunate in having Mr. Kenneth Toombs, head of the Social Science Division of the L.S.U. Library, as the new editor of the *Bulletin*. He will welcome any ideas, articles and assistance in obtaining advertising for the *Bulletin*.

I thought the ALA meeting was a full and stimulating one. I attended all of the general sessions and as many divisional meetings as was possible. Those of us who were there from Louisiana were very proud to see Dr. Essae Culver receive the Lippincott Award.

Your president has been invited to represent the association at the two-day program centering around the dedication of the new L.S.U. Library in Baton Rouge in October. I shall be pleased to attend, and hope that many of you will find time to be there for part of the ceremony.

Membership for 1959 has reached 879. If you know of anyone who has not joined LLA—will you please urge them to do so in 1960. It promises to be a full but happy year!

Past President's Report

July 1, 1958 - June 30, 1959

By

RUBIE M. HANKS



Rubie Hanks

It is impossible to work with the members of LLA without being deeply impressed with their two outstanding characteristics: their sincere dedication to the profession and their capability and energy in expressing this dedication. This report shows many evidences of these qualities as much of the work is done through committees and the Executive Board with the support of the membership. In a wholehearted and efficient manner, the board and committees have performed their responsibilities.

The President visited in many parts of the state and by talking with individuals and groups learned much about what is expected of the Association. Invitations were accepted to meet with three Parish Librarians' Regional groups.

Upon Bob Mowery's resignation as editor of the *Bulletin*, Dr. E. D. Johnson was appointed his successor. Dr. Johnson stated that he could serve for a period of only one year. He and the Assistant Editors have produced an excellent professional

magazine. The *Bulletin* is on a sound financial basis with a working balance of \$1236.28 after payment of the Spring issue.

During the year the Executive Board met four times; once with the Advisory Council and once in a joint meeting with the Executive Board of 1959-60.

The following are reports from committees:

Auditing. Accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer were examined and found to be in excellent order.

Adult Education. The revised duties of this committee are realistic, but there has been no definite activity beyond the guidance that is done daily by all libraries. The chairman was unable to attend the Fifth Annual Conference on Adult Education, April 13-14.

Constitution, By-Laws and Constitution. A motion was submitted at the annual conference to amend the LLA By-Laws to agree with regulations of ALA regarding representatives of state associations to ALA. Motion passed. The manual was made more clear by changing the word "trustees" to "trustee" on page 30, paragraph "c." The chairman inquired frequently into progress that had been made by the Association's attorney in establishing tax exemption status of the Association with the U. S. Treasury Department.

Federal Relations. \$6,000,000 was appropriated by Congress for fiscal 1959 for implementation of the Library Services Act. Of interest to LLA is the concern of ALA for the kind of federal legislative program needed after the expiration of the Library Services Act. It was recommended that a study be made by ALA to determine the needs of all types of libraries and the kind of legislation required to implement these needs. The ALA Council voted to favor the extension of the present Library Serv-

ices Act until the full authorization had been obtained.

LLA and the State Library sponsored the luncheon honoring congressmen held during the annual conference in Washington, D. C.

Letters were sent to all Louisiana representatives about the Depository Library Act of 1958. Of interest to LLA is the National Defense Education Act of 1958. ALA has prepared a brochure pointing out the ways in which libraries may participate in the various programs under the law.

The Chairman attended ALA Federal Relations meeting at the recent Mid-Winter Conference and continues to serve on the ALA Coordinating Committee for the Library Services Act.

Indexing Louisiana Magazines. The Schlieder Foundation has made available \$2,000 for indexing *Louisiana Schools*. The grant was made through Southwestern Louisiana Institute since the foundation deals only with educational institutions, and not with associations. Dr. E. D. Johnson has been engaged as official indexer. The editor of *Louisiana Schools* has agreed to publish the index upon its completion. The Committee is now negotiating with the editor of *Education Index* to see whether this Index will henceforth include *Louisiana Schools* among the magazines which it indexes.

The Committee recommends the strongest type of support and encouragement to this project and that each year a budgetary provision be made for subsidizing this project.

Interlibrary Loan Committee. Careful study of the Interlibrary Loan Code printed in the *LLA Bulletin*, Winter, 1958 and the 1956 General Interlibrary Loan Code of ALA was undertaken by the Committee for Academic Libraries and the Interlibrary Loan Committee for Public Libraries. The object of this study was to see whether one code could or should be adopted for all Louisiana libraries.

The study revealed that the LLA Code followed closely the ALA Code and that it was not possible for the public libraries of the state and the interlibrary loan policies of the Louisiana State Library to conform to the Code in many respects. The Advisory Council on March 19, 1959 thought that

there would be nothing gained by having LLA adopt two codes, and that confusion would result. It was recommended that LLA drop the matter of adopting a code or codes for interlibrary loan practices, and that both public and academic libraries when borrowing outside the state, or when loans are between academic libraries, or public and academic libraries, followed the ALA General Interlibrary Loan Code. This recommendation was adopted at the annual conference March 21, 1959.

Legislative. Two proposed acts were submitted to the Executive Board along with expressions of opinions from Committee members.

Louisiana Literary Award. Another section of this issue carries an account of this award.

Membership. There were 877 members of the Association on June 30. The breakdown by types of membership is: Sustaining, 5; Institutional, 57; Contributing, 35; Individual, 780. 155 of these are new members. Renewals and new members are still coming in.

Modisette Award and Sub-Committee for Trustees. The three recipients of this reward were: Trustee, Mrs. Odie Neal Reynolds, Caldwell Parish Library Board; Public Library Award to Vernon Parish Library and the School Award to W. T. Henning Elementary School Library at Sulphur. Five public libraries received honorable mention: Shreve Memorial and Caddo Parish, LaSalle Parish Library, Jena; Winn Parish Library, Winnfield; Calcasieu Parish Library, Lake Charles; Ouachita Parish Library, Monroe.

Certain changes have been recommended by the Sub-Committee for Trustees and a revision of the score sheet is being worked on by the Modisette Award Committee.

Public Relations. Press releases covering the Executive Board meetings, all phases of the annual conference, appointments of state chairman and director of National Library Week were sent to all dailies and some weeklies in the state. Professional journals were notified as to dates of annual conference. Scrapbook of over 100 pages of clippings was turned over to in-coming chairman.

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—from the Citation

The Louisiana Literary Award For 1958

By

FRANCES FLANDERS

Chairman, Louisiana Literary Award Committee

The outstanding honor which the Louisiana Library Association can confer on an author, who has written a book on a Louisiana subject, is the Louisiana Literary Award. At the 1959 Conference held in Baton Rouge our committee was very happy to make this award to Dr. John Duffy of the Department of History of the Louisiana State University for his outstanding work *The Rudolph Matas History of Medicine in Louisiana*. Although listed as the editor of this book, Dr. Duffy contributed much more than an editor normally would. He became vitally interested in his subject and breathed into it the spirit and life of the times. It is a book which will have lasting value and one which will never grow old.

In selecting the book to receive this honor, the committee is guided by the following standards: The book must have been published during the calendar year preceding the date on which the award is made. The book must be on a Louisiana subject and must contribute to the permanent record of the state and it must provide a correct interpretation of our unique Louisiana heritage. The author need not be a Louisianian and the book may be adult or juvenile, fiction or non-fiction, and it may be in any literary medium. For books of non-fiction the following factors are also considered: Authenticity, organization and arrangement of material, literary merit, format and illustrations.

The members of the Louisiana Literary Award Committee who chose *The Rudolph Matas History of Medicine* as the outstanding book of 1958 were Mrs. Edith R. Atkinson of the Louisiana State Library, Miss Marie J. Mamalak of the Stephens Memorial Library, S.L.I., Richard F. Klenk, of the L.S.U. Library, Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan, Northwestern State College, and Frances Flanders, Librarian of the Ouachita Parish Public Library, Monroe, Chairman. Dr. Duffy's book was the unanimous choice of the committee and we were highly gratified to know that many individual members of the Louisiana Library Association expressed complete approval of our choice.

Louisiana is rich in history, legend and romance. More and more writers are turning to it for their background material. The Louisiana Library Association feels that the Literary Award does much to preserve the high standard of excellence which many writers have reached. Dr. Duffy is indeed to be congratulated for the wonderful work which he did in presenting the early days of medicine in Louisiana. We are looking forward to the second volume of this work and know that he will again give us a book which is a lasting contribution to our Louisiana heritage, a work of great literary excellence and above all one which is a delightful reading experience.

People As Commodities

By

DR. CECIL G. TAYLOR

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, LSU

(This is the address given by Dr. Taylor at the Awards Luncheon of the LLA convention on March 20, 1959, at Baton Rouge.)

Very few people today are granted or permit themselves the privilege of making general laments about life in our times or about our society and our world. Most of us almost feel a special obligation to glow and bespeak our feeling of optimism. The march of progress is our theme, and let no sour-minded pessimist inject his acrid notes to induce defection.

By your leave, today I have chosen to address myself to you in a minor key rather than to boom out in C-Major on the beauties of the day, our good fortune in living in this time and place, etc. I want to look with you briefly at some of the aspects of our day that do not seem so promising, that give us some reason to pause, which, if they do not arouse our laments, merit nonetheless our critical attention. *I shall make some attacks then.*

What concerns me especially is the kind of regard or disregard we have for ourselves and our fellow men as persons. My theme concerns the dehumanizing forces around us—the indignities of man.

By way of a focus for the attack I wish to launch, I have selected one particular book, published in 1936, a book at which I must confess I took my first look just very recently. This volume has a dedicatory preface by Lowell Thomas entitled

"A Short-Cut to Distinction"

which opens thus

"On a cold, winter night last January, two thousand five hundred men and women thronged into the grand ballroom of the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York. Every available seat was filled by half past seven. At eight o'clock, the eager crowd was still pouring in. The spacious balcony was soon jammed; presently even standing space

was at a premium and hundreds of people, tired after navigating a day in business, stood up for an hour and a half that night to witness — what?"

(The answer is a Dale Carnegie program.)

These are Mr. Lowell Thomas' opening remarks of his introduction to Mr. Dale Carnegie's book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. I assume that many of you have seen this volume and that all of you know about it, its numerous printings, its enormous sales, its tremendous success. It obviously has responded to a widespread, latent demand on the part of the American public, and as such it seems to me it is indirectly one of the most revealing books of our times about our concept of ourselves as Americans. To my mind, it epitomizes a not-too-pretty aspect of a pervasive American philosophy. In a way, it is a kind of Bible of our times. It reflects one of our greatest national hungers—our serious longing for contact with the human heart and soul. It reflects the spiritual malnutrition of our society. For, just as we have gone in for do-it-yourself, serve-yourself, learn-by-machine, stock up at the super-market, etc., so we have also reduced friendship to a special skill, to a kind of technological manipulation of people. Our technical proficiency has become so expert at producing goods, at training people to achieve particular goals, that we have entrusted our most sacred aspirations to the IBM machine. People are just so many products to be used, to be purchased like a bag of potatoes, to be brain-washed, to be submitted to subliminal advertisements, to be manipulated. Couldn't we almost say, to use a juvenile expression, that we have become too smart for our breeches?

Our very language betrays our disregard, if not our disrespect, for those qualities we have traditionally associated with the dignity of man. One of our important areas of training today is that of "human engineering." We would be happy if we could manipulate men like machines, and a great deal of "progress" has been made in that direction. Society is being engineered. It is not uncommon for us to hear or read such expressions as "handling people," "dealing with people."

Now, let me return to Mr. Carnegie's book, which seems to me the cynical "Summa" of our day. Observe with me some of the section and chapter headings (the italics are mine):

—Part One—

"Fundamental Techniques in *Handling People*."

Chapter 2—"The Big Secret of *Dealing with People*."

—Part Two—

"Six Ways to Make People Like You."

Chapter 6—"How to Make People Like You Instantly."

(No question as to whether you merit being liked.)

—Part Three—

"Twelve Ways to Win People to Your Way of Thinking."

—Part Four—

"Nine Ways to Change People without Giving Offense or Arousing Resentment."

Chapter 9—"Making People Glad to Do What You Want."

Part Six—

"Seven Rules for Making Your Home Life Happier."

Chapter 4—"A Quick Way to Make Everybody Happy."

(Who wants everybody to be happy? I expect to be angry at times, and I intend to make others angry.)

Mr. Carnegie "claims his main job has been to help men conquer their fears and develop courage." Could one have a more noble purpose? Or, could one espouse a better cause than to foster friendship? Herein lies the very insidiousness of the book. Some of our most sacred labels are being applied

to not so sacred activities. It is a part of the semantic treachery of our day. It is like the Italian consul who on the LSU campus in 1938 spoke of Mussolini's fascism as "democracy in high gear," or our contemporaries in the Soviet Union—Mr. Stalin, Mr. Khrushchev, and Company—who refer to the "democratic" people's republics. Or, it is like "athletic *scholarships*" in college. Our good words are being stolen, and in the process some of society's most precious ideals are being debased. There is room to doubt the purported humane purpose avowed by Mr. Carnegie. He was a salesman, he learned by hard experience how to sell Armour products, he knew the sales pitch; and he set out to teach (and succeeded in doing so) millions of Americans to sell themselves and to buy others. And so, in the Carnegie atmosphere people are like bacon, but a man is disguised as a man of distinction. And now we have our woman of distinction, too. And we have also the "thinking man's cigarette" and other similar products. In all this, the tragedy and the sorrow is that when the man of distinction is put up beside the product of distinction, man really comes off second best — a rather shabby product. And, to twist the other phrase, one is rather inclined to visualize "the thinking cigarette's man."

We have thought about our goals of production to such an extent that our production machinery has produced such a phenomenon as the "organization man"—an efficient operator, one whose wife becomes even an essential cog in the well-oiled machinery. Our concern for the "common man" has gone to such limits that we have neglected the uncommon man. However, in fairness, it must be pointed out that the President of E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Mr. Crawford Greenewalt, has just published a volume on *The Uncommon Man*.

The real significance in all this, it seems to me, is that as we have developed efficiency in our society, going at a break-neck pace to keep up our production goals, we have subordinated people to products, we have taken all too little time to pause

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Reluctant Rebel

By

F. JAY TAYLOR

Professor of History, Louisiana College

An address before the Louisiana Library Association, Baton Rouge, March 20, 1959.

It is certainly a pleasure to appear before this distinguished group of librarians and share with you some of my experiences in editing the secret battlefield diary of a Confederate soldier—Robert Patrick—the "Reluctant Rebel."

The Civil War or War between the States or War for Southern Independence or whatever you may call it is often referred to as "The War we most remember." At no time since Appomattox, I think, has there been so much interest in the Civil War as there is today. This dreadful conflict has captured the imagination of Americans to a degree and force not matched by any other war before or since, or by any other phase of our national history.

New and best selling books, clubs, associations, popular songs, radio and T.V. dramas, and movies are devoted to exploring different phases of a conflict in which the last shot was fired almost 100 years ago.

A very interesting discussion could revolve around some of the reasons for this current fever of enthusiasm. There are really a dozen answers. We have always had a hard core of Civil War enthusiasts to keep alive our interest. Margaret Mitchell's monumental *Gone With the Wind*—both the novel and the motion picture—has been recapturing certain phases of the conflict for over twenty years. There are many other Civil War books such as Bruce Catton's Pulitzer Prize winner *A Stillness at Appomattox* and Book-of-the-Month Club selections authored by T. Harry Williams and MacKinley Kantor.

Then too, the Civil War was a highly dramatic conflict. Winston Churchill has referred to the struggle as "the last war be-

tween gentlemen." Gallantry was the order of the day. Brother fought against brother, young boys marched into battle, and there were headlong charges with drums rolling and bugles blaring. Yet the war was a modern one in many respects. Aerial observation, artillery barrages, trench fighting, submarines, roads clogged with refugees were all a part of the tragic scene.

It was a tremendous war in proportions of bloodshed. Over 600,000 men died out of a population of 31 million. At the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia 7,000 died in less than 30 minutes. Robert Patrick's Regiment—the Fourth Louisiana Infantry—mustered into service with 850 men in May, 1861. Four years later less than 40 answered the final roll call.

Of course there was great leadership on both sides such as Lincoln and Lee. Emotions were strongly felt. And finally, the Civil War was an American war; the battlefields were right in our own back yards.

One of the most remarkable documents to come out of the fight was the secret diary of Robert Patrick. Several years ago I was invited to examine a private collection of Indian artifacts at the home of Mrs. Adele Ethridge in Colfax. Although the Indian relics proved to be of great interest, my attention was diverted when Mrs. Ethridge remarked that her uncle had fought in the Civil War and had kept a journal of his experiences. Moreover, this manuscript had been treasured and preserved. After several hours of searching, the diary was produced, and I was curiously perusing the yellow pages and marveling at the penmanship of Robert Patrick. Mrs. Ethridge also produced photographs of "Uncle Robert" as well as

several notebooks and letters written by him while serving in the Confederate Army.

Patrick, a well-educated man with many talents, originally wrote the journal in small notebooks using Ben Pitman shorthand. At his leisure the author transcribed the shorthand into a large ledger. These notebooks were sent to the Phonographic Institute in Ohio for a modern professional transcription. Thus, I had both accounts in performing my editorial responsibilities.

As you well know, there are a large number of Civil War diaries. Johnny Rebs and Billy Yanks, it would seem, wielded pens about as often as they did muskets. The journal of Robert Patrick, however, is rich in information about some of the little known aspects of Confederate history. Most significant, perhaps, is the valuable detail describing the non-combatant aspects of Confederate service. What went on behind the shooting and marching of the soldiers is a relatively unknown quantity in Confederate history. Patrick's journal throws much light on this obscure area of activity.

Comments on the quality of Confederate supply officers are especially revealing. Combatant soldiers habitually disparaged the commissary and quartermaster officers. Patrick's first-hand undoctored observations indicate that Johnny Reb's low esteem had abundant justification.

Especially valuable also are Patrick's comments on civilian conditions in areas near army camps and along the route of march. Because of his location in the rear, and the nature of his duties, Patrick saw much more of the people and of the country in the no-man's-land bordering the fighting zones than did the ordinary soldier. His observations on destitution and dissolution in the environs of Johnson's army in Georgia in 1864 are particularly revealing. He shows that Southerners suffered about as much from Confederate as from Yankee depredation.

Patrick's honesty, literary craftsmanship, and lack of inhibitions in expression give the narrative unusual realism. He is much franker about the evils that accompany war than are most diarists of this orthodox and

romantic age. He was a keen observer who had a flair for descriptive writing. His diary helps to recapture the spirit of what has been described as America's most dramatic conflict.

The Patrick journal is also an important contribution to the history of the State of Louisiana. It vividly describes his hometown of Clinton and serves, in part, as a wartime history of this area. Other descriptions of Port Hudson, Greensburg, New Orleans and Berwick City are recorded. The difficulties of communication and travel, the attitudes and plight of the people, as well as the state of public morale are likewise revealed by the diarist.

Nor does Patrick neglect the military because, after all, he was first a soldier, serving most of the war in one of the state's best known regiments—the Fourth Louisiana Infantry. This regiment has a particular claim to be remembered in Louisiana because its second colonel was Henry Watkins Allen, afterwards brigadier general in the Confederate service and wartime governor of the state. Patrick was a particular friend of Colonel Allen and he gives us a splendid portrait of this gallant officer. The diary is also one of the best contemporary records of the Fourth Regiment. When the end came this group was a ragged, hungry, war-worn remnant listing one of the highest records for casualties in the entire Confederate Army.

Robert Patrick had an alert mind and was usually far superior to his comrades in intellectual ability and achievements. His formal education began at age five and continued until his seventeenth birthday. Patrick was gifted with an uncommon ability to express himself and usually did so in an accepted form. He was a worthy representative of a well-established, highly respected, upper middle class Louisiana family. He was deeply interested in politics, music and literature. His journal indicates a profound respect for the Bible and religion, although he dwelt very little on spiritual matters.

On the 28th day of April, 1861, the Hunter Rifles, nearly 150 strong, climbed

aboard the train at the Clinton depot and were off to the wars:

"There was a large crowd assembled at the depot to see us off. I had a sweet-heart then and with tearful eyes we bid each other farewell. There were many tears shed and many sad partings on that bright spring morning. Away we went down the old rickety railroad to Port Hudson. We found a large crowd assembled there to see us off, and here was another parting for a great many of our company lived in this part of the Parish. We got aboard the good steamer 'J. A. Cotton,' and were soon under way for New Orleans.

"The boys were all in a high glee and as we had some violins aboard, they were fiddling and dancing all the way down. At one time so many had crowded the upper deck that it threatened to give way, and in fact it would have gone down in a few minutes if the crowd had not gone back toward the cabin. One fellow, I don't remember who he was, taking it for granted that everything was lost, jumped overboard, but as we happened to be close to shore, he managed to get out minus his hat and coat."

After several days of "frolicing" around the Crescent City, the troops assembled at the old Metairie race course and were later transferred to Camp Moore in St. Helena Parish. There the Fourth Louisiana Infantry Regiment was mustered into service. After serving along the Gulf coast the regiment was dispatched to northern Mississippi where troops were gathered for the first great battle of the war in the West:

"On arriving at Corinth we found a large number of troops encamped around the town in every direction. I never saw so many men in one body before. As far as the eye could reach over the hills and vales, the earth was thickly studded with the white tents of the soldiers. Men, horses, wagons and mules were crowding in every direction. Here we found the 16th and many other Louisiana Regiments. We encamped on our arrival North of the town. I shall remember

Reluctant Rebel

The Secret Diary of
Robert Patrick, 1861-1865

Edited by F. Jay Taylor

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that day. A slow, cold rain mingled with sleet fell all day long. It was extremely disagreeable.

"... We remained in this camp nearly four weeks, I think it was, and then came the battle of Shiloh. Kilbourne insisted upon my not going into the fight; but go I would. I toughed it through but I resolved that if I could honorably keep out of it that I would never go into another. About sunrise on Sunday morning, before we had fired a gun, Bob McKie was killed on one side of me and Jim Depriest on the other. I began to think it pretty warm to be so early in the action. This sort of work was kept up all day and the Regiment lost very heavily. How I escaped unhurt was a mystery. But so it was."

True to his word Patrick soon obtained a position with the regimental quartermaster. Perhaps there was some tinge of conscience that he was not fighting in the front lines, for he found it necessary to explain:

"I did not seek nor desire the 'bubble reputation' nor did I have any particular desire to make myself 'food for powder.' In short I had no military aspirations whatever and I only entered the army from a sense of duty alone. No man's too good to serve his country. I soon found however, that there were easy places in the army as well as elsewhere and that they were to be filled by someone . . . after watching the working of the wires in all their various little ramifications, I came to the following conclusion. That I would take the comfort and accord to others the glory, or I would give them the glory and I would take the comfort."

Retreating from Shiloh to Corinth then to Vicksburg, Patrick and the Fourth Regiment moved into Port Hudson in October, 1862. Robert was never in robust health. Sometimes his troubles were of his own making, such as the day his stomach was "a little deranged from drinking corn beer that Andrew made." He had little faith in Confederate doctors and he cynically observed:

"I have been quite unwell lately, and I am now scarcely able to sit up. I can-

not find out what is the matter with me. I have no fever that I know of yet I grow weaker every day. I have been to two or three surgeons but they do not seem to know. It is astonishing what an amount of ignorance there is amongst the Medical fraternity. The most of them will administer a large dose of calomel to the patient it doesn't matter what his disease may be, without caring how much the constitution may be injured. Then comes dose after dose of quinine and other strong medicines until they either kill the individual or ruin his constitution for life. If a man recovers under their treatment, he is always sick afterwards from the effects of their strong medicines injudiciously administered, and they will remark 'that man has no constitution; he can't stand anything.' No I suppose he couldn't nor never can while life lasts, because his whole system is thoroughly filled with the very worst of mineral and vegetable poisons. I know these fellows and I am suffering now from the treatment of ignorant, sap-headed physicians."

Patrick was spared the long siege at Port Hudson when early in April, 1863, his command was ordered northward to join General Joseph E. Johnson at Jackson, Mississippi, and co-operate in his efforts to relieve the beleaguered fortress of Vicksburg. Before contact could be made with the enemy, Patrick hastily recorded:

"The astonishing intelligence has reached us that Vicksburg has fallen. Pemberton has surrendered. We are in full retreat toward Jackson, Miss. We have had a terrible march today. No water—dust, dust, dust, My God it is awful. The citizens all along the route take the buckets off the well ropes to prevent our getting water—and we are suffering for the want of it."

Obtaining a furlough Robert Patrick returned to his home in Clinton with his buddy Clarence Bell. Inevitably the sad time came to begin the long trek back to the army. Patrick wrote:

"Clarence got very tired and was constantly wishing that he had never left

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National Library Week in Louisiana

LOMA KNIGHTEN

State Executive Director

Was National Library Week just another of the many "National Weeks"? Throughout the nation and abroad, it was found very effective to set aside one week out of the year to hurl concentrated media-force into an attempt to convince America's millions that reading books is a good thing, and that libraries of all sorts should be supported.

Forty-six states and the District of Columbia formed statewide committees of citizens to plan for the National Library Week observance. In the other states, activities were initiated by a committee of librarians. Industrialists and businessmen, state leaders of civic, professional and religious organizations, educators, labor leaders, newspaper and broadcasting executives and governmental officials represented a cross section of leadership.

Louisiana had thirty-seven people on the State Committee with concrete help given to local committees and organizations in ways to support the program. State publications for professional, civic, industrial and governmental organizations carried stories and supporting programs.

Parishes had organizations set up to plan and carry out the National Library Week programs. This was done by citizens of the parishes with more than five hundred persons serving. In a few parishes the women made much of the promotional material while in some parishes the school children made and distributed material.

Publicity outside of the library covered newspapers, radio and television, window displays, etc. Over 400 stories carried in local papers reached more than a million people. Eight television stations carried interviews, spot announcements and programs. Radio did its part throughout the state with forty-four stations cooperating. Three hundred twenty displays in store windows or business places were reported with some very interesting ideas carried out.

The largest in-library participation reported was the open-houses throughout the state. In some localities different organizations were invited each day to serve as guides while in others the organizations were guests. Louisiana authors were guests for open house in several parishes. One library reported a contest by school children to get the most people to the library. The dedication and open house in the new quarters for Ouachita Parish was an outstanding event for the week.

Schools throughout the state were very active in their part. Interesting events reported included were poster contests, story telling, book reviews and displays. One school reported a display of favorite books which parents and grandparents with some old and unusual books found. Even geometry, mathematics and home economics classes had projects related to their subjects and books.

Activities in the colleges were not reported from many in the state. But where reports were sent we found activities and the organization set up much like a parish organization. One effective activity was reported in which professors used reading lists provided by the library and encouraged students to read books from the list. A second duplication was necessary to meet the demands. An effective display of paper back books was used in the college bookstore to stress buying and reading the classics.

Now what is the value of all the work and effort? I will reply by quoting from reports sent to the director.

"We cannot say enough in regard to public response. The entire community was happy to work and could not do enough for National Library Week and the Library."

"The greatest help was the adver-

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L.L.A. Executive Board Minutes

Bentley Hotel, Alexandria, La. — June 6, 1959

The 1959 and 1960 Executive Boards of LLA met in joint session June 6, 1959 at 9:30 A.M. in the Bentley Hotel, Alexandria, Louisiana, with retiring President, Mrs. Rubie Hanks, presiding. Retiring Board members present were: Miss Jane Ellen Carstens, 1st Vice-president and President-elect; Miss Margie Lynch, Secretary; Mr. W. C. Bennett, Parliamentarian. Members of the 1960 Board present were: Miss Kate Wallach, 1st Vice-president; Miss Jewell Moore, 2nd Vice-president; Mrs. Alice Alben, Secretary; Miss Willie Mae Seab, Treasurer; and Miss Loma Knighten, Parliamentarian.

Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as mailed.

The first matter of old business discussed was the proposed legislation concerning schools and libraries being exempt from sales tax. After some discussion it was moved and seconded that this project be abandoned. Motion carried.

The proposal made in the Advisory Council meeting of March 19, 1959 regarding life memberships in LLA was next discussed. A committee will be appointed to study the matter of membership, dues, honoring retiring members, etc., said committee to report to the next convention.

Committee reports were then read. The committee on Indexing Louisiana magazines reported they had obtained funds for indexing *Louisiana Schools* and for securing the publication of the index to *Louisiana Conservationist*.

The report of the sub-committee for Trustees of the Modisette Award Committee submitted several recommendations. A motion was made and carried that the present deadline for recommendations to this sub-committee be changed from January 15 to February 1. Other proposals were taken under advisement.

Miss Carstens, Membership Committee chairman, reported 860 members in LLA including 155 new members as of June 2, 1959.

Reports of the Scholarship Fund Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Federal Relations Committee were read by the secretary. Miss Knighten reported on National Library week in Louisiana.

Mrs. Hanks read the report of the Convention Committee. Two recommendations were made: (1) That free exhibit space at the convention hotel should be agreed upon when the hotel is selected by the Executive board in writing; (2) That excess funds after convention expenses are paid should be given to the Scholarship Fund. Motion was made and carried that the first recommendation be incorporated into the Code as an additional duty of the Executive Board. The Board expressed their approval of the second recommendation but agreed that to incorporate it into the manual would tie the hands of the Board at some future time when the Scholarship fund no longer needs additional funds.

Mr. Bennett gave the report of the Constitution and By-Laws committee.

The financial report of the *Bulletin* was read by the secretary, also that of the State Planning Committee. On the recommendations of the State Planning Committee it was moved and carried to request a grant from the Council on Library Resources for the purpose of studying techniques of getting Louisiana state documents reproduced and sold according to a well thought out plan which should be developed in the near future. The President was authorized to appoint a committee to explore the needs for a central depository to serve all Louisiana libraries and to work out details of how such a depository could be constructed, financed and operated. It was further moved and carried that the State Library be urged to initiate a recruiting project using funds from the Library Services Act. It was also moved and carried that the President appoint a person or a committee to study the recommendation that there exists a need for an expanded "headquarters" for

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News of Libraries and Librarians

By

MRS. EDITH P. TAYLOR

Librarian, Lafourche Parish Library

Attending the A. L. A. Convention in Washington, D. C., from Allen Parish were Mrs. Marietta Edens, Librarian, Mrs. Weldon J. Lynch, Board Chairman, and Mrs. Grace Rhorer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury. Mrs. Lynch will serve as chairman of the AALT Institute to be held preceding A.L.A. in Montreal next year.

Mr. Richard Gauthier, St. Bernard Parish Library Board Chairman, attended the AALT Convention as well as ALA. Mr. Felton A. Brown, High School history teacher, served as summer substitute and Miss Florence E. Kloser, former librarian with the U. S. Army in Okinawa and Germany, is now St. Bernard's Cataloger-Reference Librarian.

Mrs. Ruth Rice, formerly of the Lake Charles Public Library, has replaced Pauline Peddy (now Mrs. Jack Hepinstall of Baton Rouge) at the Calcasieu Parish Library. Plans are now being made for a new Sulphur Branch Library Building to be constructed early in 1960.

Mrs. Mary Brand resumed her duties as Cameron Parish Library Demonstration Librarian following her summer studies at the L. S. U. Library School. Mrs. Isaac assumed the duties of Branch Assistant replacing Mrs. Mable Saltzman.

Mrs. C. J. St. Julien, head of Branches and Bookmobiles at the East Baton Rouge Parish Library, has resigned to become Librarian of the Pride High School and to give more time to her family. She is succeeded by Mrs. William Ramsey, former children's librarian. Mrs. Bruce Tyner is now head of the children's department and Mrs. William Perkins is Circulation Department head. The Baker Branch Library has moved into spacious air-conditioned quarters in the Masonic Building. The long-dreamed-of North Baton Rouge Branch will soon become a reality with the pur-

chase and renovation of a building. Mrs. J. B. Clement will be in charge. Mrs. Clement, the first of East Baton Rouge Parish Library's Library School Student Librarians, received her library degree from LSU in August.

Mr. Aloysius Launey was appointed acting librarian of the Evangeline Parish Library, replacing Mrs. Barbara S. Harrell who has moved to Alexandria. Mrs. Bettie G. Knight, clerical assistant, has resigned to join her husband in Texas. Mrs. Winnie F. Veillon is clerical assistant. Mr. Lionel J. Guillory, Jr. was a summer employee.

Mr. Randall A. Detro, formerly Serials Librarian, Northwestern State College, is now Librarian, F. T. Nicholls State College in Thibodaux. Mr. Gerald C. Lewis, August LSU graduate, is assistant Librarian. Miss Agnes Clark, formerly librarian, Natchitoches High School, as Assistant Professor of Education will organize an undergraduate Library Science Curriculum. Mrs. Alice Porter, former librarian, is now Regional Director of a County Library system in Western North Carolina and Miss Juanita Grant, former assistant, is Librarian, Asheville-Biltmore Junior College, Asheville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Jude Talbot Drott has returned to the Iberville Parish Library staff replacing Mrs. Iola Canova who resigned due to illness. Miss Jewell Moore, Librarian, and Mrs. Lucille Champagne attended the A. L. A. Convention.

Mrs. Mamel Shufeldt Scott has joined the staff of the Lafourche Parish Library. She was former Thibodaux Junior High School Librarian. Miss Edith Fauntleroy is the new clerical assistant.

Mrs. Portia Stokes, on leave last year from her post as Library Assistant of the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute Library, completed her Master's degree in Library

Science at LSU and returns to the position of Documents Librarian. Mrs. Thesta Ann Hogan received her Master's Degree in History at Ole Miss. She will devote full time to her duties as Assistant Cataloger. Mr. William H. O. Scott, after 3½ years as Associate Librarian, resigned to accept a position on the faculty of the University of Washington School of Librarianship in Seattle. Mr. E. J. Scheerer, Librarian, is off to a good start on his duties as Chairman of the S. W. L. A. Book Award Committee. The Committee is hard at work screening 1958 and 1959 titles for consideration. The rules adopted are based in large part upon those of the L. L. A. Literary Award.

The Grant Parish Library Demonstration is scheduled to open in September with Miss Anna Kribs, August '59 LSU Library School graduate, as librarian. Virginia Gremillion, Northwestern State College graduate, will be assistant librarian.

Louisiana's fiftieth demonstration, Jackson Parish, will open early in 1960.

The Louisiana State Library is initiating under the direction of James S. Cookston a two year Recruitment Program beginning September 1959 with funds provided by the Library Services Act. The dates of the Personnel Conference to be sponsored by L.S.L. and the L.S.U. Library School have been changed to October 19-22. The sponsoring agents regret to report the death of Herbert Jerrells, scheduled to be consultant for the Conference. Mrs. Kathleen Stebbins, Director of Personnel, Detroit Public Library, and author of *Personnel Administration in Libraries*, has graciously accepted to serve as Consultant.

Dr. Sidney B. Smith, Director, and Mr. T. N. McMullan, Associate Director, LSU Library, attended a pre-convention building institute at the University of Maryland. Mr. Smith also attended the American Research Libraries meeting. Mr. McMullan attended an institute sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission. Mr. Richard C. Klenk attended a pre-convention meeting on rare books. Mr. Kenneth E. Toombs, Chief of Social Science, also attended ALA. Mrs. Genevieve Aillet, Zachary High School

Librarian, and Mrs. Joy Hadden, Port Allen High School Librarian, were summer workers at the L.S.U. Library. New staff members include Miss Phyllis Alberts in the Catalog Department, Mr. John Richard, head of the Preparation Department, and Mr. Donald Alexis in the Science Division. Mrs. Winnie Wilkerson, Jr., Librarian in the Science Division and an LSU Library School graduate, is one of six library graduates in the country selected to participate in the annual Library of Congress Recruiting Program. Outstanding graduates are selected for a six month period of work-training, during which they receive regular beginning salary. Upon satisfactory completion, the recruits achieve permanent status and are placed in regular positions on the staff.

Miss Norris McClellan of the L.S.U. Library School faculty, has returned from an 18-month tour of duty at the Institute of Librarianship, University of Ankara. Mrs. Florinnell F. Morton, Director, represented the Library School at ALA Convention and at the Conference of the Association of American Library Schools. Dr. Shirley K. Stevenson conducted a one-day in-service training institute on reading guidance for the staff of the Capital Area Regional Library at Raymond, Mississippi, on August 11. Miss S. Metella Williams taught a 3-day in-service course on reference services, June 1-3 at the Vernon Parish Library Headquarters for the Central Louisiana Parish Libraries Regional Association including Natchitoches, Rapides, Beauregard, Vernon, and Allen Parishes. The L.S.U. Library School Alumni dinner held at the Washington A.L.A. Conference brought more than 30 graduates together from a wide geographic area including New York, Washington, D. C., Maryland, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Hawaii and Venezuela.

Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Librarian, New Orleans Public Library, is back in stride at the New Orleans Public Library after surgery at Baptist Hospital. As usual, his recovery was rapid and he was in harness in record time. After a trip to Washington for American Library Association he is off again on annual leave, combining business and pleasure in doing a survey at Winston-

Salem Public Library. Miss Anita McGinity, Head, Juvenile Department, was given the 1959 Thomas Jefferson Award on April 17, 1959, by the Thomas Jefferson School in honor of the birthday of Jefferson. Miss McGinity received the award this year in recognition of the Library's contribution to the School curriculum. The presentation was made at the School at an impressive ceremony. Miss Helen Hart, head of Circulation and Extension, has been asked to serve as the Library representative on the newly formed Committee on Aging. Under the sponsorship of the Council of Social Agencies of Greater New Orleans, this Committee has been organized to study the problems of the aging in the areas of health, employment, housing, and recreation. Mr. Ernest J. Brin, Librarian of the Mayer-Gentilly Branch Library, has just returned from a summer session at Mexico City College. He was awarded the Mexico City College scholarship for the summer session and worked in the Library in addition to taking courses in anthropology. The scholarship was created at the instigation of Miss Alice Dugas, well-known Louisiana Librarian. Mr. Brin explored possibilities for a thesis subject for the Ph.D. Degree. Miss Carmelita Addamus, of the General Services staff, attended two days of the ALA Conference in connection with her vacation in the East. Miss McCurdy, first assistant in Extension, also enjoyed an Eastern vacation during the summer. All records for circulation, reference and registration have been broken during the summer months at the New Orleans Public Library with an average increase ranging from 30 to 50 per cent each month since the opening of the new building. A new Library Station to be housed in the Desire Housing Project will soon be open. This is the fourth Station which the Library will operate and it will serve a large segment of people who are living in an area remote from existing Library facilities.

Miss Mary Barbara Vick, a University of Illinois Library School graduate, assumed the post of Serials Librarian at Northwestern State College. She was formerly a staff member of the Fairfax County Library in Virginia. Mr. Leslie Gower joined the staff

of the Reader Services Division. He is a graduate of the Peabody Library School and for the past three years has served as Assistant Librarian of the Martin Branch of the University of Tennessee. Miss Katherine Bridges, on sabbatical leave, did advanced work toward her Ph.D. degree at the University of Texas this summer. Mr. J. Mitchell Reames, formerly Associate Librarian and now Librarian of the Under-graduate Library at the University of South Carolina, moved into his new ultra-modern library building this summer.

Work has begun on the new Patterson Branch of the St. Mary Parish Library. Mrs. Frances Johnson, Bookkeeper, has resigned and Mrs. Georgia Carter is replacing her.

Mrs. Patricia Sledge replaced Mrs. Goldie Montgomery as St. Tammany Parish Librarian. Miss Jackie Corkern is the new Assistant Librarian. A new Branch was opened at Lacombe with Mrs. Joseph Chabreck as Assistant.

Resigning from the staff of the Shreve-Memorial Library were Miss Vivian Holder and Mrs. Josephine Price. Miss Holder will be librarian of a new Junior High School in Shreveport. Mrs. Jewel James and Mrs. Myrtis Everett, high school librarians, filled in for them during the summer. The Shreveport Jaycees have adopted Operation Library as a major project.

Miss Anna Davis, Librarian, Southeastern College Library, attended the pre-conference Institute on Library Buildings and Equipment at the University of Maryland McKelden Library prior to going to A.L.A. Miss Lucie Mae Bishop, Circulation Librarian, attended summer school at the Peabody Library School.

"Of Time and Thomas Wolfe, a Bibliography with a Character Index of His Works" by Dr. Elmer D. Johnson, Director of the Stephens Memorial Library, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, was published this spring by the Scarecrow Press. Dr. Johnson spent a span of some twenty-three years collecting the data and material for the definitive bibliography which contains some 1700 items on Wolfe. A booklet "Lafayette, The Acadians, Mardi Gras" written by Miss Maria Mamalakis, Circulation Librarian, was

published by the Sans Souci Press of Lafayette this spring. Miss Norma Durand, Cataloger, was on leave this summer to study at Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

The Roseland Branch of the Tangipahoa Parish Library recently had its face lifted. Mrs. Lucille Hendry is branch librarian. The Kentwood Branch has moved to a new location on Main Street. It boasts new paint, linoleum rugs, and an air conditioner. Branch librarian is Mrs. Thelma Roper.

As of July 1, the U.S.D.A. Library, New Orleans Branch, which serves the scientists, technologists, and engineers at the Southern Regional Research Laboratory is now the Library, Southern Utilization Research and Development Division, Agr. Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. It will continue to receive loans, photocopies and many cataloging and reference services from the Washington Library. Librarian Mrs. Dorothy Skau will attend the fall meeting of the American Chemical Society in Atlantic City. Miss Dorothy Gillespie, Assistant Librarian, is a life member of the Arkansas Library Association as well as being a member of L.L.A. Mrs. Borel, Clerical Assistant, has resigned.

Miss Aline Melancon has resigned as assistant librarian of Vermilion Parish Library to teach second grade in the Delcambre school in Iberia Parish. Miss Velma Landry, a longtime member of the staff, will assume most of Miss Melancon's duties. Mrs. Velma Touchet of Kaplan has joined the library staff.

Mrs. Margaret Smith, Leesville School Librarian, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the West Central La. Regional Library Group to be held in Deridder at the Beauregard Parish Library.

At the July meeting of the Vernon Parish Library Board, all members voted to join A.A.L.T.

Mr. N. L. Smith of Franklinton was appointed to the Washington Parish Library Board. He succeeds Miss Frances Williams. Mrs. Thelma B. Dixon, Parish Librarian, attended ALA in Washington.

Librarian and Branch Assistants of Claiborne and Webster Parishes met in the Min-

den Branch of the Webster Parish Library with Miss Essae M. Culver, State Librarian, as guest speaker. Following the meeting, the group was joined by Mrs. Dan W. Stewart, Jr., C. O. Holland, Warren Dietrich, all Webster Parish Board members, for a luncheon at the Pine Hills Country Club. Mrs. J. Donovan Shinn, Librarian, attended ALA.

Board members of the Welsh Public Library are Mrs. A. R. McBurney, President; Mrs. Marjorie Martin, Secretary; Mrs. John McClure, Mrs. Marion Vallee, and Mrs. Sol Klaus.

Patsy Reid, recent Northwestern graduate, was Children and Young People's Librarian at the Winn Parish Library this summer. Mrs. Rubie M. Hanks, Librarian, attended the A.L.A. Conference and as president of the State Association represented LLA at the Congressional Luncheon and at the Publisher's Dinner.

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Balance on hand, July 1, 1958			
Optional Share Account	\$2,286.64		
Sustaining Account	619.43		
Pamphlet Fund	66.51		
LLA Scholarship Fund	3,320.11		
Checking Account	1,853.08		
Total Balance: July 1, 1958			\$8,145.77
<i>OPTIONAL SHARE ACCOUNT</i>			
Balance: July 1, 1958	2,286.64		
Receipts			
Dividend—Dec. 31, 1958	\$ 40.02	40.02	
Expenditures	None		
Balance in Optional Share Account: June 30, 1959			2,326.66
<i>SUSTAINING ACCOUNT</i>			
Balance: July 1, 1958	619.43		
Receipts			
Dues	125.00		
Interest	9.28	134.28	
Expenditures	None		
Balance in Sustaining Account: June 30, 1959			753.71
<i>PAMPHLET FUND</i>			
Balance: July 1, 1958	66.51		
Balance: June 30, 1959			66.51
<i>LLA SCHOLARSHIP FUND</i>			
Balance: July 1, 1958	3,320.11		
Receipts			
Deposits	1,701.69		
Dividends	115.44	1,817.13	
Expenditures	None		
Balance in LLA Scholarship Fund: June 30, 1959			5,137.24
<i>CHECKING ACCOUNT</i>			
Balance: July 1, 1958	1,853.08		
Receipts			
Dues	2,154.08		
Convention			
Exhibitors' Fees	1,425.72		
Regist., Meals, etc.	2,439.55	3,865.27	\$7,872.43

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Association Dues

ALA (1959)	25.00			
La. Adult Educ. (1959)	2.00	27.00		
Bank Service Charges		7.91		
Bulletin		1,673.84		
Convention		2,795.76		
General Operating		485.45		
National Library Week		145.37		
Refund on Overpayment Dues		2.00		
Transfer Sustaining Account		125.00		
Transfer LLA Scholarship Fund		1,085.64		

Committees

LLA Literary Award	15.46			
Membership	42.50			
Public Relations	60.42			
Federal Relations	55.54			
Program	79.66			
Indexing La. Magazines	24.45	278.03		

Sections

College and Reference	82.35			
Public	117.34			
School	89.88			
Trustee	61.08	350.65	6,976.65	895.78

Balance in Checking Account: June 30, 1959

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ASSETS

Optional Share Account	2,326.66			
Sustaining Account	753.71			
Pamphlet Fund	66.51			
LLA Scholarship Fund	5,137.24			

Checking Account

General	266.17			
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Sections

College and Reference	27.81			
Public	341.70			
School	162.80			
Trustee	97.30	629.61	895.78	

TOTAL ASSETS: June 30, 1959

\$9,179.90

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP — June 30, 1959

Individual	780
Contributing	35
Institutional	57
Sustaining	5

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GOLDIE G. MONTGOMERY
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PEOPLE AS COMMODITIES—

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and consider the nature of man, we have come dangerously close to dehumanizing him. *Competence* and *efficiency* are the words of the day. As John Crowe Ransom stated it quite a while ago, efficiency has outdistanced sensibility." In this setting we are increasingly being advised that "life is not a problem to be solved but a reality to be experienced," as Kierkegaard states it for us. The Frenchman Malraux, sensitive to the besetting sins of our society, admonishes that "A man becomes truly Man only when in quest of what is most exalted in him." Mr. Carnegie hardly provides the prescription for man to achieve dignity. But man without dignity is hardly man; he is only a member of the biological realm or one of the cogs in the machinery; and people are statistics to be processed.

Mine is not an original protest. The existentialists have for a few decades now been pointing to the vacuousness of our lives, in fact to their very absurdity. Our beat generation's laments constitute a kind of adolescent wailing, as illustrated by Joe Hyams in "Good-bye to the Beatniks":

"Leave me alone to live as I want and don't involve me in the insanity of your world. Left alone perhaps I can find my own place in my own world."

Our need is that of reassessing our direction, our ideals. There is a story told about a hermit responding to a group of lost mountain-climbers in the Sierra Nevada mountains of the West who enquire, "But how did we get here?"—

"If that question ain't got no answer attached, I ain't got none that fits. If you're agoin' anywhere in particular up here, you better figger out first how t'git there, 'cause if you just start agoin' afore you known where you're goin', you can git to a powerful lot of places where you don't want to be."

Our educational institutions have a large responsibility in establishing our ideals, a sense of direction for our society. Perhaps the complaints I have made attest primarily

to the shortcomings of our schools and colleges in meeting their most fundamental responsibility to society. We have taught ourselves a slick and sleek way of doing things and of living, and we have developed a sense of importance for the trappings we have on and around us rather than what we have in us. T. S. Eliot called this sharply to our attention in *The Cocktail Party*, where a middle-aged character complains.—

"I am obsessed by the thought of my own insignificance."

His friend, a psychiatrist, who understands him well, replies:

"Precisely. And I could make you feel important. And you would imagine it a marvelous cure; And you would go on, doing such amount of mischief As lay within your power—until you came to grief. Half of the harm that is done in this world, Is due to people who want to feel important."

We may wonder whether the kind of prescription Mr. Carnegie provides may not be something only imagined to be a marvelous cure, whether it does not conjure up only a superficial sense of being important and thus provide for a real let-down and more profound grief when one discovers its misleading vacuousness.

With this I have led to another subject—the purpose of education—which I will only introduce by quoting from Allen Tate:

"The purpose of education is not happiness; it is not social integration; it is neither for democracy, nor for any other social or political system. Its purpose is, at once, the discipline of the mind for the vocations of life and the cultivation of the mind for its own sake; these ends are to be achieved through the mastery of fundamental subjects which cluster around language and number, the two chief instruments by which man knows himself and understands his relation to the world."

To this definition, others have indicated there should be added the aim of making the world a better place than one found

on entering it. Certainly the cultivated mind offers man his best chance of doing something effective and dignified about his own life and the world. And, until the individual has made serious efforts at setting his own house in order, at cultivating his own mind, at nourishing in himself those qualities that make him man,—until then, he ought to have a serious sense of hesitation in trying to "handle people," in seeking to influence others. Marten ten Hoor of the University of Alabama wrote brilliantly to this point a few years ago when he urged that there should be more genuine emphasis on "Education for Privacy." And, Donald C. Bryant pointed both to a significant aspect of the problem and to an important prospect for solution when he wrote:

"Perhaps the most pressing need at present and for the visible future, for it arises from a greater deficiency, lies in the fundamental use of language—in the rudiments of efficient and versatile communication: The frauds we suffer from the hucksters and shysters, from the religious and political medicine men, and from the well-meaning social (and even educational) incompetents, derive much of their strength from the merely *superficial* familiarity of our educated citizens with the live use of language, for good and for ill, over the year and the centuries. In humanistic study especially, though of course not exclusively, should be the most powerful antidote . . ."

Unless we develop ideals and discriminating minds, we shall become increasingly subject to being handled by skilled manipulators. Aware, that there lurk around us hordes of technicians competent in winning us to their way of thinking, in making us like them for no good reason at all, in winning us over to do what they want—in this awareness, we ought to be inclined to seek an antidote, some kind of anti-Carnegie. My contention is that the potential for onslaughts on our personal integrity is tremendous in our present-day environment, and the only possible solution lies in an alertness to this fact and a sense of compulsion to cultivate the mind.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—

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Recruiting. This Committee concentrated its effort on sponsoring Library Career Days at colleges in the state.

Scholarship. The Scholarship Fund was increased from \$3,320.11 to \$4,902.00. This large increase was in spite of the long and continued delay in a report from the U.S. Treasury Department concerning the tax exemption status of LLA.

State Planning. The Executive Board requested a grant from the Council on Library Resources for the purpose of studying techniques of getting Louisiana State Documents reproduced. Assurance has been given that the attention of the Council will be given to this project.

The Executive Board took action on the following recommendations from this Committee: (1) To appoint a committee to explore the need of a central depository to serve all Louisiana libraries and to work out details of how such a depository could be constructed, financed and operated. (2) That the Board urge the State Library to initiate a Recruiting Project using funds from the Library Services Act.

Convention Committee. The Convention Manual was annotated with suggestions for the following changes: (1) That free exhibit space at the Convention Hotel be agreed upon in writing when the hotel is selected by the Executive Board. The action taken by the Board on this recommendation was that it be incorporated in the Code as an additional duty of the Board. (2) That excess funds after convention expenses be given to the Scholarship Fund. The Board expressed approval of this recommendation, but agreed to incorporate it into the Manual would tie the hands of the Board at some future time when the Scholarship Fund no longer needs additional funds. At such time the extra convention money should be given to some other worthy project of the Association.

National Library Week. For the second year LLA has cooperated with this national program. The Executive Director reported that it had been successful in Louisiana.

RELUCTANT REBEL—

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home, and would propose to me to turn back and as he said, let old Johnston and his army go to hell. He cursed the pine roots and stumps, and the hot weather and the dust, to his entire satisfaction.

"We met a negro riding a mule. 'How far is it to hell old man' said Clarence. "'I dunno marster, but I speck if you should happen to drap off, you'd soon find out,' said the darkie showing a row of ivory. Clarence dried up.

"I never knew before that Clarence was so much addicted to drinking. If he had been as fond of his mother's milk, as he is of whiskey he would have been awful hard to wean."

After serving for several months in Alabama the Fourth Regiment was ordered to Dalton, Georgia, to reinforce the Army of Tennessee.

Robert Patrick's fierce hatred of the Yankee invaders was almost boundless. Upon passing the grave of a Union soldier he commented:

"I just thought to myself, now, old fellow, you have traveled a long ways to secure a very small spot of earth, when you might have purchased ten thousand times as much nearer home and much cheaper than you got this. You were not satisfied to remain at home, and let us alone; you must come to the South to murder our citizens, burn our houses, desolate our homes and lay waste our country; to make war upon women and children, turning them out to die of cold and want, without the slightest compunctions of conscience. You for one have met your just reward, which is a grant of land from the Confederates of three by six, in an obscure spot, where your friends, if you have any, will never be able to find your body for there is nothing to mark the spot except a small hill-ock of red clay, which a few hard rains will wash away and it will disappear forever. 'So mote it be.'"

Almost every inch of ground in the long retreat to Atlanta was disputed. The Confederate soldiers, Patrick wrote "by their unexampled, desperate, fighting qualities have even won the admiration of the Yankees." All these valiant efforts could not save Atlanta, however, and in early September, 1864, the city was occupied by Sherman's victorious troops. Patrick witnessed the chaotic and tragic plight of a civilian population suffering from the headlong retreat of one army and horrified at the advance of another.

The pitifully small Confederate Army was no match for the victorious troops of Grant and Sherman. Surrender was inevitable. Patrick returned to a devastated homeland and tried to reconstruct the life that had given him such fond memories prior to the war. He was reappointed to his old post of deputy sheriff and served in that capacity until his death on December 8, 1866.

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Book Review

Louisiana; The Pelican State by Edwin Adams Davis. (Louisiana State University Press, 356 pages, \$4.95)

Louisiana has a rich heritage and many have told its story filled with romance, drama and achievement blended from the three old world cultures of France, Spain and England. No other state can lay claim to such a colorful, romantic and fascinating past.

In 1949, Dr. G. W. McGinty published a single, up-to-date volume that gave the essential facts on Louisiana. He is a native Louisianian and had spent thirty years of his life teaching its youth. Some of the familiar great names in Louisiana who had told the story, in one form or another, are Antoine Simon Le Page Du Pratz, Charles E. A. Gayarré, Alcée Fortier, Henry E. Chambers, Harriet Magruder, Albert Phelps, William O. Scroggs, John Rose Ficklen and Grace King.

This comprehensive and up-to-date history, *Louisiana—The Pelican State*, by Dr. Edwin A. Davis, head of the LSU History Department even includes a photograph of the 1958 National Champions. Dr. Davis is not a native Louisianian but has become outstanding among Louisiana historians during his active twenty-five years of residence. He founded the Department of Archives at LSU in 1935 and was head of that department until 1946.

Dr. Davis has assembled factual material from historical books and monographs, newspapers, family manuscripts and state and local governmental archives. He is well qualified to retell the story of old Louisiana and to tell the story of modern Louisiana. He has an affection for and an understanding of the complex Louisiana gradually developed over many years through his acquaintances over all sections of the state.

His easily read narrative unfolds the state's past from a primitive culture of the original Indian inhabitants to the structural one of the present day. It was written especially for the teen-age school children

of the state presenting a clear and concise chronicle on Louisiana's past and present. He shows how Louisiana came under the French, Spanish, and American flags as a colony, territory and state.

It is the author's hope that from this book Louisianians of the present and of the future will gain knowledge and appreciation of their state's history and that it will strengthen the development of a stronger pride in the Louisiana heritage.

Dr. Davis stresses the most important phases of the Louisiana scene in:

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He is author of *Plantation Life in the Florida Parishes of Louisiana*, *Of the Night Wind's Telling: Legends from the Valley of Mexico*, co-author of *The Barber of Natchez*, and co-editor of *William Johnson's Natchez*.

T. N. McMULLAN

School Librarians

The annual fall meeting of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians will be held in Baton Rouge on Monday, November 23, 1959 at 1:00 P. M. This meeting will interest not only school librarians but also teachers, principals and administrators as well. Miss Sue Hefley will serve as moderator for a panel discussion which will evaluate the place of the library and its services in the School program today. Panel participants will be: Supt. G. W. Ford, Lake Charles City Schools; R. C. Hale, High School Supervisor, Rapides Parish; J. B. Mount, Principal, W. W. Lewis Junior High School; Mrs. Marion W. Peters, English teacher, Baton Rouge High School; Mrs.

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Jewel Jones, Northwestern State Elementary School, Natchitoches; and Mrs. Peggy Jacob, teacher, Ponchatoula Junior High School.

All school librarians are urged to attend and to issue a special invitation to their school faculties and administrators.

The date of the Louisiana Teen-Age Librarians Convention is November 6-7 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. The theme for the program is "Librarians—Rockets to Knowledge."

For a library club to be eligible to send delegates to this meeting, the annual club dues of two dollars must be paid to Barbara Saucier, treasurer, F. T. Nicholls Senior High School, New Orleans, La. by October 15. Reservation forms should be returned to Margaret Milville, Joseph M. Davidson High, St. Joseph, Louisiana. There is a two dollar registration fee which is to be paid at the registration desk at the convention.

Make plans now to attend both of these meetings.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK—

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tisement of the library. More people throughout the parishes have not only had a new awareness of libraries, but additional people have learned what libraries have to offer."

And there were specific gains as a result of National Library Week. Several libraries reported an increase in circulation and in registered borrowers; one police jury promised to be more cooperative in the interest of the library; additional routes for bookmobiles were requested; gifts of books, prints and money were made to libraries; and many long overdue books were returned. Also in several communities "Librarian Appreciation Day" was held with courtesy extended to librarians, and several young people have been recruited for the profession.

So, even though librarians were required to spend thought and time on this observance, the results were worth the effort. Here is a wonderful plan for the public relations we have all thought about.

EXECUTIVE BOARD—

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LLA and that a LLA secretary should be appointed on a part time basis, to determine the most practical course of action regarding this.

The Board was reminded that Dr. Elmer Johnson had accepted the appointment as editor of the *Bulletin* for one year only and the president was authorized to find a successor. Lucille Arceneaux will continue as Business Manager.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Miss Carstens announced that the 1960 convention will be held at the Frances Hotel in Monroe, March 24, 25, 26. Convention Chairman is Frances Flanders and Ruth Reedy and Emily Spencer are the Program Committee. A list of committee appointments for the year was presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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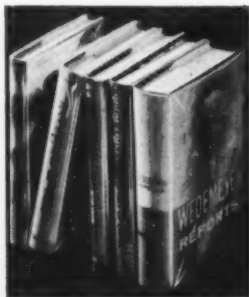
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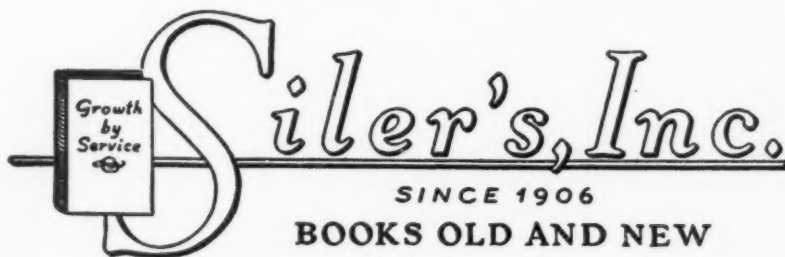
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